

## HUNTER HELMSMAN

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# Shake Out the Sails



*S/V Gloria, Monterey Harbor*

## **Boating Season Officially Opens**

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## HAPS Cruise News



**Coming Up...Something de Mayo**, May 14 - 16, Port of Silverdale Marina, hosted by Kris and Bob Ridenour, *S/V Luna*.

Activities:

Friday night dinner at the pub - practice your pool skills

Saturday AM - breakfast muffins and o.j. at the dock, get your scavenger hunt list

Saturday PM - on your own to "scavenge" - 4pm check-in for prizes

Saturday dinner and wine tasting at the Yacht Club Broiler - thanks to those who reserved ahead (for those not joining us at the broiler, there is a good wine bar/light dinner place to check out)

Sunday AM - breakfast at the dock

See the **HAPS** web site for additional information on the cruise and the Silverdale Marina.

## HAPS Chart Chat Log

Vessel: S/V "LEGACY" Substitute, John and Linda Hunts' home in Anacortes

Date: Saturday, March 27, 2004

Weather: Partly cloudy, clearing to bright sun in the late afternoon

Barometer: 30.2"



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- 1330: Prepare boat to accept crew. Co-hosts **Bob and Beth Miller** arrive with beer and munchies and help set up for seventeen winter-weary sailors ready to plan their spring and summer getaways.
- 1400: The crew begins to arrive. Cast off. Libations are served and the fun begins. Prize for the longest distance traveled goes to **Rich and Linda Bryan** who came from Yakima. Discussion of favorite gunk holes begins.
- 1430: **Shanon Sara** plops her handy small folio charts on top of John Hunt's large ones, and the talk of favorite spots begins with Marrowstone Island and surrounds. It would appear **Shanon and Tim** have the best local knowledge, but remember they don't draw much in **TENACIOUS!**
- 1500: The crew finally gives in to hunger and thirst and heads to the kitchen, but only with urging by the ship's galley slave, **Linda Hunt**, who points it out to all. We thank all of the crew for the wonderful veggies, dips, prawns, and assorted good things. **Kris Ridenour** took the main course prize for her wonderful home made spring rolls.
- 1600: Discussions of all things nautical continued. Those we heard included the story of **GUSTY GETAWAY's** new engine and transmission, the tale of **JOURNEY's** new Max-Prop (and the oversized zinc), and various boats' plans for summer trips.
- 1700: Dessert is served. You'd have thought no one had eaten all day by the way they headed for the Linda's cream cheese frosted carrot cake and Shanon's wonderful, sinful chocolate-dipped brownies. Final discussions of places been, places to go.
- 1800: Vessel docked and crew departs. Thanks to all for making this another wonderful HAPS get together.



Talk about a far ranging chart chat, that large land mass on the chart is Madagascar! Betty Pearce, Tim Sara's mother, explains how she lost her cruising boat on an atoll in the Indian Ocean while seeking assistance with a medical emergency. Enthralled are Tim and Shanon Sara, Bruce Maynard, Rich Bryan, David Weale, and Harry Purdy.

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Bob and Kris Ridenour don't need charts to talk sailing with Bruce Maynard and Esther Neumann, while Bob Miller explains the intricacies on "Gusty Getaway's" new engine to Tim and Shanon Sara.



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## SHIRTS

Dave and Debbie Jones, *S/V Wave Sweeper*, modeled their new Hunter polo shirts at the **Tax Relief Cruise** and they were a hit. The shirts are 100% cotton pique quality polo solid color shirt with contrasting stripe on collar and sleeves. Right sleeve has the Hunter design and your choice of either your name or your boat name on the front left side. The cost is \$21.00 and includes the embroidery work.



Debbie is still taking orders and will have the T-Line Design catalog at the **Something de Mayo Cruise** for people to check out and will send in an order after the weekend. Debbie will bring the catalog to each rendezvous this year so everyone has a chance to check out colors, sizes, etc.

Dateline: Brownsville, Tax Relief Cruise  
Reporter: Shanon Sara

## Brownsaritaville!

"But wherever I go, I hope there's rum. After this day's sail I'm gonna have me some." Jimmy Buffet from, When the Volcano Blows. There were pirates in the Caribbean for a **Tax Relief Cruise**. Yes, ten crews from HAPS were greeted by the sight of the Jolly Roger floating from the masthead of *S/V Wave Sweeper*, home of this year's hosts and co-fleet captains, **Dave and Debbie Jones**. Five boats and seven crews arrived on Friday, with the remainder sailing in on good breezes up Port Orchard Narrows on Saturday.

Attending were **David and Mary Weale** of *S/V Jubilee II*, **Bob and Kris Ridenour** aboard *S/V Luna*, new members **Mike and Ruth Murray** on the beautiful new navy-hulled 466, the *S/V Wings of Gold*, **Tim and Shanon Sara** on *S/V Tenacious*, **Ken Drummy and Merrie Day** on the *S/V Merrie Day*, **Ray Spindle and Inda Taylor** on the palatial liveaboard *S/V Palazzo*, **Rich, Linda and Jocasa Bryan** on *S/V Victoria*, and **Dave Christy** aboard the nimble *S/V Rascal*. **Bill and Jeannine Bramstedt** of the *S/V J Michelle* and returning members **Dee and Judy Johnson** of the *S/V Lady Kintyre* came by land for each of the days' and nights' festivities as their respective vessels are still "on the hard." Signature Yachts associate, **Allen**, from Signature Yachts, and his wife brought a beautiful new 410 Hunter for tours.

Those who were smart enough to arrive early Friday evening by land or sea enjoyed a happy hour with Mexican munchies at the Marina Deli, followed by wine and conversation around the fire pit atop Lookout Park. The stars were out and the fire drove off the chill in the air that warned it was still mid April in Puget Sound. Those who arrived late, having been seduced by the call of a lovely twilight light-air reach up the bay which is precisely *Tenacious's* cup of chowder, still found sandwiches at the Deli, as well as wine and good company around the fire. Then it was time for lights out and a soothing sleep in this peaceful and quiet marina.

Saturday morning was time for doing one's own thing or going walkabout. Debbie Jones offered car trips to anyone who wanted to visit the Keyport Undersea Museum. Jeannine and Judy offered van trips to anyone who wanted to go shopping. After breakfast at the Marina Deli, we went in search of something to make for the upcoming potluck. In addition to a great grocery (The Daily Stop), we discovered the savory delights of Sweeney's Specialty Meats. If it can be smoked, you'll find it here: toothsome beef jerky (and I'm not talking about any of that shoe-leather type), clams, oysters, salmon. They even make their own sausages. A package of Sweeney's homemade sweet Italian sausages, pasta and sauce from the Daily Stop, and *Tenacious* had her potluck dish covered. Saturday mid-day found us a few boats short of a decent sized race fleet, so the time was enjoyed in swapping sea stories aboard *Wave Sweeper*. Boats continued to arrive, and we watched each one clear through the pass and sail down the bay. All boat crews were greeted with itineraries and a cute door-knocker decoration to commemorate the occasion. Soon it was time to decorate for the big party.

The Port of Brownsville has many outstanding amenities, one of which is a huge covered pavilion right over the water. Debbie made this place festive with strings of colored lights, parrots (for all of us Parrot Heads), and beach toys. A particularly nice touch was a full-sized inflatable shark artfully displayed on a blue tarp and a six-foot palm tree complete with inflatable coconuts. One long table held a powerful CD system which kept the party mellow with sounds of the Caribbean and on which were stacked the grab bags for the auction. Dee Johnson brought along his laptop computer on which he played slide shows from the Lady Kintyre's tropical blue-water voyages.

As if this wasn't enough to put anyone in the mood for coral and silky sands, Dave Jones conducted his own version of "Weird Science" in the concoction of a cocktail that could kick-box a kangaroo. In a stockpot large enough to seat six, Dave mixed three 56-oz cans of pineapple juice, three 56-oz cans of orange juice, roughly four or five ounces of grenadine and then (hang on to your livers) poured in three fifths and one pint of Bacardi Gold 151-proof rum and a fifth of Pusser's 95-proof navy rum. The entire batch was then poured into a punchbowl of ice that was bigger than *Tenacious's* entire galley. These Rum Swizzles were then ladled out to the partiers with the warning

that they were smooth on the tongue but carried a big punch. Come to think of it, this could have been called "Wired" science because one or two of these drinks could certainly have that effect. Delicious.

After sufficient rum, the auction began. This was a grab bag auction, and the bidding started out modestly for items that remained unseen until purchased. Pretty soon, however, the spirit of the typical HAPS auction (that is, the "spirits" in those rum swizzles) took over, and bidding became brisk if not outright nuts. Although I don't have the final figure, more money was raised for the club's all important "fuel" fund!

Immediately after the auction the long table filled up with fantastic dishes. The galleys on Hunters seem to produce the best cruising food imaginable. Everyone dug in while the gods of the atmosphere saw fit to bless the occasion with a full, double rainbow over Port Orchard Narrows. What is a Caribbean night without music and dance? We had those, but first we were asked, "How low can you go?" Yes, indeed, friends and neighbors, we had a limbo contest. There were quite a few participants, but the most flexible were the younger members of the fleet. Jocasa Bryan (*S/V Victoria*) took top honors with a feat of back bending that had my older spine crackling in protest. The costume contest was won, hands down, by Bill Bramstedt of the *S/V J Michelle*. The fun and merriment continued into the night. Members even got up a game of ring toss. It was amazing the level of accuracy in hitting such a small target after such large portions of rum. The music played on.

Sunday morning, everyone congregated at the dock next to *Wave Sweeper* for juice, pastries and coffee and leisurely farewells. Debbie provided information on polo shirts that could be ordered with the HAPS name and logo in addition to individual boat names. Please see the e-mail forwarded by roster officer, John Hunt, if you'd like to order, or get in touch with Debbie. All too soon, it was time to leave, but it's tough to say goodbye to a place as warm and welcoming as Brownsville. Fortunately for David and Debbie, they only had to go as far as D dock for this is where they make their home. We are so happy that they invited us all over to see it.

Sometimes you don't know where you're going to land, but when you get there, you are completely happy. As Jimmy Buffet might put it:

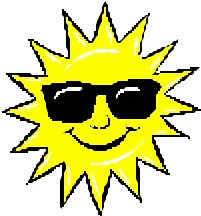
"Well, I don't want to land in New York City,  
Don't want to land in Mexico.

Don't want to land at Three Mile I sland,  
Don't want to see my skin aglow.

"Don't want to land at Commanchee Sky Park,  
or in Nashville, Tennesee.

Don't want to land in the Gulf of Sidra,  
Port of Brownsville's fine with me!"

Fair Winds, Shanon



**Summer Rendezvous, July 23 - 25, Port Ludlow.**

Hosted by Signature Yachts and organized by Robbie and  
Tori. Call now and reserve your slip for the rendezvous:

Port Ludlow Marina (360) 437-0513 or (800) 308-7991

(Be sure to mention that you are with the HAPS Hunter sailboat  
group.)

